

ITALIANS WELCOME THEIR AMBASSADOR

Baron E. Mayor des Planches Greeted at Banquet.

TOASTS DRUNK TO PRESIDENT

Mr. Taft Shares in Tribute to Dean of Diplomatic Corps in Washington—Mr. Powderly Makes Complimentary Address—Both Nations Praised by Speakers at Table.

Baron E. Mayor des Planches, Italian Ambassador to the United States, who has just returned to this country from abroad, was welcomed last night by "his own people" at a banquet at Freund's, 835 Tenth street northwest.

The dinner was given by Vincenzo di Giorgio and other prominent Italians of Washington and Baltimore.

La Bella Italia wedded to grandissima America was the theme of the banquet, and one speaker after another declared that of all the immigrants who have sought the shores of this country, none has been more adaptable, more intelligent, and more thoroughly Americanizable than the Italians. "Di Brothra fra Nochi," which is said to mean "from soup to nuts," the sentiment of the meeting was so expressed.

Toasts Drunk to Taft.

Toasts were drunk, standing, to President Taft and the Italian Ambassador, and every mention, either of the glory that is Italy or of the grandeur that is America, brought out enthusiastic applause.

Fifty men sat at the festive board. Ambassador des Planches was escorted to his seat by the accompaniment of the stirring strains of the Italian march played by a section of the Marine Band. The other specially invited guests, all of whom made addresses, were Massimo Montigliani, secretary of the Italian Embassy; Signor Centaro, second secretary of the embassy; Cavalier Joseph di Giorgio, of Baltimore; T. V. Powderly, an American, chief of the division of Information of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and formerly, under the administration of President McKinley, commissioner general of immigration, and Dr. Danna, of New Orleans, identified with the government hospital service.

The toastmaster was Lorenzo del Clorio, who extended high tribute both to Ambassador des Planches individually and to the Italians who have come to this country. He was followed by Cavalier di Giorgio, who made a complimentary address to the Italian representative.

Address by Powderly.

Mr. Powderly, who was presented as the "friend of the Italian people," admitted the charge, and said he was proud to be their friend, because he had found them to be the salt of the earth, and he was fond of salt. He extended to Baron des Planches a welcome from all Italians in the country, as well as those about the board. He spoke of the features of immigration, which he declared were good whenever it was an Italian who crossed the border, and said that in drunkenness and poverty the men of the sunny peninsula figured very inconspicuously in the records.

Dr. Danna, of New Orleans, told of the good work Italians have been doing in the professions, and declared that for intelligence and industry the United States could not get better foreign-born citizens. Immediately before Ambassador des Planches was called to his feet, a toast was drunk to him and to the President of the United States. Baron des Planches said in part:

"I am glad to be with Italians in this country, and especially glad to be with them on returning from the land whence they all came. More than that, I am glad to bring my family to this country. No native American ever said a better word than did President Lincoln at the battlefield of Gettysburg, when he uttered that immortal expression, 'Charity for all.' That is the sentiment I am glad to see fostered with regard to the newcomers to this country, and I think the Italians have gotten it, and have eminently deserved it."

Baron des Planches spoke of the help the people of the United States gave to the Messina earthquake sufferers, and proposed a toast to "all Americans, whether native or foreign born."

The walls of the banquet chamber and the table were decorated with roses and



LOEB'S ACTS UPHELD

Treasury Officials Say Approval Was Given First.

BLAME CAST ON IMPORTERS

Claimed that Judge Holt Could Not Have Fully Understood Situation When He Denounced Collector.

Taft May Sympathize with Court.

Upheaval Regarded as Certain.

Treasury Officials Seem to be Fully Alive to the Reflection on the Customs Service of the Government which has come to light through the revelations concerning the rotten conditions prevailing in New York.

At the same time, they are emphatic in upholding Collector Loeb in the course he has pursued in promising immunity and continued employment to the self-confessed employees whose testimony of their own dishonesty was regarded by Mr. Loeb as necessary to procure the conviction of the Muscacas.

As a matter of fact, so it was said at the department, Mr. Loeb's course was approved in advance.

It is evident there is going to be an upheaval in the New York custom-house before long.

Misunderstanding Claimed.

While not indulging in any criticism of Judge Holt's aspersions on this course, the Treasury officials showed plainly by what they said that they felt that Judge Holt did not fully understand the situation.

The Treasury officials place as much blame for dishonest methods on importers and business men, who were parties to this dishonesty, as on the employees.

With President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh away from Washington, it is impossible to say at this time what will be the ultimate course of the administration.

In considering the promise of Collector Loeb to the dishonest weighers that they should not be discharged if they gave testimony against the Muscacas, Judge Holt said that he had never before heard of such a practice. The fact that Mr. Taft had long experience as a Federal judge, lends some to believe that he will coincide with Judge Holt.

Olsen's Body Found.

The Washington police department was advised yesterday by the mayor of Colonial Beach, Va., that the body of Lewis Olsen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who jumped overboard from a fishing schooner about two weeks ago, was picked up by a fishing schooner yesterday.

Judson Sets Date.

Engineer Commissioner Judson has decided upon November 15 as the date on which the new building regulations will go into effect. The final decision in this matter lies with the Commissioners, who have been asked to approve Commissioner Judson's decision.

COMPANY MAY BUY ROAD TO BLUEMONT

Virginians Lay Plans to Improve the Line.

MAY CHANGE MOTIVE POWER

Movement Starts in Loudoun County to Improve Traffic Facilities to Washington—Leesburg Capitalists Said to Be Interested in Project. Obstacles in Way of Sale.

According to information coming to Washington from Leesburg, a company of capitalists is being formed in Virginia to purchase from the Southern Railway the property and good will of the Bluemont division of that system. E. R. White and R. G. Walker, of Leesburg, are named as being among the chief promoters of the plan, and are said to be financially interested in it.

As the plan is understood here not all the details have been worked out definitely. It is understood that the necessary capital for the formation of the company has been practically assembled, and that the project has come along about to the point of the incorporation of the company. The company thus formed will buy the road, and the plan is to change the motive power from steam to some kind of a motor car which will run at short intervals, carry fewer passengers, and make the Bluemont road more like a trolley road than it has been. It is understood that no definite decision has been reached relative to the type of car to be used, but it will probably be either a gasoline motor or one of the approved electrical storage battery motors.

Will Improve Trackage.

It is also understood to be the purpose of the company to improve the trackage of the road, strengthen the bridges, and probably add an entrance into Washington, at least for the passenger trains, over a new route.

The movement, which it is said will result in the formation of the Virginia company to take over the Bluemont property, has no connection with the deal announced several months ago which had the same object in view. The present movement grows out of the need felt especially in Loudoun County, Va., for better transportation facilities to Washington.

Obstacles to the Sale.

One of the obstacles in the way of the sale of the Bluemont road in the past has been that the Southern Railway would not consent to part with the property, except to capitalists who could be depended upon to manage the property in a way which would fit into the policies and plans of the Southern system. For example, the Southern has jealously guarded its control of the territory covered by the Bluemont branch from possible inroads by some other great railroad system which might find it easy access to the Capital from the West or Northwest. It is with this end in view that the Virginia capitalists are now said to be bargaining for the property, not to antagonize the Southern, but to work in sympathy and in connection with it to the common advantage of all concerned.

Another obstacle in the way of the transfer of the property arises from the fact that the \$1,625,000 bonded debt of the Bluemont division is part of a general mortgage covering the whole system, and that it is difficult to separate this indebtedness from the main system until the maturity of the bonds. It is said, however, that a way has been found to overcome this obstacle, and that the movement started in Loudoun County will eventuate in the purchase of the property, by the assumption of the bonded indebtedness, and such other terms as may be agreed-upon between the buyers and the sellers.

Named Judge Advocate General.

Commander Robert L. Russell has been appointed judge advocate general of the navy, to succeed Capt. Edward H. Campbell, who has been placed on waiting orders. Commander Russell has been in charge of the Fifth lighthouse district at Baltimore. Lieut. Commander Louis R. de Steguer, now on leave of absence, will succeed Commander Russell as inspector of the Fifth lighthouse district.

BENEFIT FOR MRS. SHORT.

Players Will Appear at Belasco Next Friday Afternoon.

Eleven theaters, located in four different cities, are joined in preparations to raise a fund for Evelyn Short, the chorus girl, who lies badly wounded in the Casualty Hospital. Contribution lists bearing an explanation of the girl's serious condition, and her husband's murderous assault upon her, are in the lobbies of all of the playhouses, and donations are asked.

At the Belasco Theater next Friday from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock a conglomerate vaudeville bill, including three stars and a host of good talent, will be given. The idea first originated with Manager Taylor, of the Belasco, at which theater the girl was playing when shot. He held a conference with Messrs. Berger and Ripley, of the Columbia and National theaters, respectively, and as a result offered his theater as the meeting place for all of the talent in town.

J. E. Dodson, playing in "The House Next Door," will present a scene from his play, "The Luck of the Irish," fame, is expected, and Eleanor Robson will add her share. Besides these will be Cecil Spooner; Brown and Ayre and Belle Blanche, from Chase's variety performance from the Gayety and Lyceum, and possibly Fred Niblo, of "Travelogue" fame.

Meanwhile at the Maryland Theater in Baltimore, the Auditorium in Pittsburgh, and a New York playhouse they are starting subscriptions for the injured girl.

DENTISTS OPEN SESSION.

Dr. Elliot Condemned When Resolution Is Offered.

Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, did not escape attention last evening at a joint meeting of the District of Columbia Dental Society and the Maryland State Dental Association.

When the name of Dr. Elliot was used in connection with a resolution, quoting him as endorsing the cooperation of the dentist with the physician, nurse, teacher, mother, and others interested in the health of the child, Dr. W. A. Mills, of Baltimore, was promptly upon his feet to protest against the adoption of the resolution.

"I do not believe," he said, "any man who has taken the stand the ex-president of Harvard has recently should be considered worthy of the attention of any professional body. He should be kept from the public press as much as possible."

Notwithstanding his objections, the convention adopted the resolution. The denunciation was made of the methods of quick decision by Dr. E. F. Mills, of Baltimore. Dr. W. S. Bowles, of this city, condemned publicly on the part of dentists. Others who spoke were Dr. H. C. Thompson, Dr. Lyman Keblor, president of the division, United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Dudley N. Carpenter, U. S. N.

The meeting is the fourteenth joint gathering of the dental bodies, which opened yesterday afternoon in the dental department of George Washington University. President Charles W. Needham welcomed the members.

CALVARY BAND CONCERT.

A concert will be given by the Fifteenth United States Cavalry Band, of Fort Myer, Va., George F. Tyrrell, director, at the Administration Building, after dinner at 4:30 o'clock. The program:

- March, "Colonial Guard".....Bank American Association, "Gems of Stephen Foster".....Tobani
- Waltz, "Golden Sunset".....Hall
- First suite, "Daisies".....Bendix
- Cavatina, "Larghetto Andante".....Raf Selection, "The Yankee Prince".....Cohan (By request)
- March, "Get in Line".....Merges
- "The Star Spangled Banner."

REV. DR. GUTHRIE'S ADDRESS.

His Remarks on Worldliness and Suicide Elucidated.

Rev. Dr. Donald Guthrie, of Baltimore, in his address before the Synod of Baltimore here on Wednesday, on "Calvinism," pleaded earnestly for a wholesome, enthusiastic interest in life, but did not, as quoted, "advocate" the setting up of a suicide slot machine for the ending of meaningless and useless lives. What he did say, however, was that persistence in the pursuit of life as illustrated in Ibsen's plays would end only in reckless worldliness that would have its legitimate expression in suicide made easy by a slot machine.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, furnishes the following statement, which elucidates Dr. Guthrie's remarks on the point in question, and corrects the impression made by an inadequate report: Editor The Washington Herald:

The announcement of the Thursday morning Herald concerning the address of Rev. Dr. Guthrie, of Baltimore, in his address upon "Calvinism" before the Synod of Baltimore, in Metropolitan Church on Wednesday evening, was absolutely unfair and unwarranted, and did him a great injustice. He used some such words, but not at all in the sense he was construed to mean. He was discussing upon the large and comprehensive view of life as having its interpretation and comfort more evidently in the fact of divine sovereignty, than in the fact of the narrow and short view of life as illustrated, especially in the plays of Ibsen, in each of which the author professes one more suicide, and then he said that the persistence in such philosophy of life would end only a reckless and empty worldliness that would have its legitimate expression in suicide made easy by the penny-in-slot machine. No sane man in the audience got any such idea from the sermon as your column suggested, and the general reputation of Presbyterian ministers for at least as much sense as the law allows should have prevented such a representation. And Dr. Guthrie is one of our surest and best men.

WALLACE RADCLIFFE.

D. J. Callahan Elected.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company D. J. Callahan was elected general manager to succeed his father, the late John Callahan, who was both vice president and general manager. The office of the vice presidency was abolished. Frank May was elected a member of the board of directors, to fill a vacancy.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Treasury Department has approved the recommendation of Postmaster General Hitchcock to print 1,800,000 more of the Hudson-Fulton commemorative postage stamps.

At the annual inspection of Burnside Post, No. 8, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., a resolution honoring John McElroy for the office of commander in chief of the G. A. R. was unanimously adopted.

About fifty members of the Bachelors' Club of the Y. M. C. A. met last night, joined hands in good fellowship, and told stories of their days. Little business was transacted. The reports of the secretary and house committee were read.

Charles F. Cummins, assistant chief clerk to the Auditor for the Post-office Department, has been promoted to the head of the checking division in that office at a salary of \$3,000 a year. He succeeds Milton M. Holland, who has been in bad health for several months.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ann Maria Shreve, who died on Monday afternoon last, were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, 1653 Sixth street northwest. Mrs. Shreve is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sallie L. Wilson and Mrs. Edgar R. Fitzsimmons, and three sons, William Oliver, Samuel P., and John H. Shreve.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

TAFT AMazes CRITIC

Editor Noted "Sad Contrast" When Executives Met.

THINKS AMERICANS UNCOUTH

Writer of Stirring Editorial Astonished at Poor Appearance of Our President and His Staff—Draws Significant Conclusion—Cannot Interpret Visitors' Negligence.

YANKEE SIMPLICITY PUZZLES.

"How shall this American negligence be interpreted? Was it to make evident the freedom of the Yankee?"

"Was it to contrast the simplicity of the opulent with the splendor of the poor?"

"Or might it not have been to signify the little importance they concede to the ceremony?"

Comment of the editor of El Keskabel, a leading Mexican newspaper, on recent meeting between Taft and Diaz.

Mexico City, Oct. 28.—The editor of El Keskabel, of Guadalajara, one of the leading provincial newspapers of Mexico, attended the Diaz-Taft meeting at El Paso and published an editorial which is causing much comment in official circles of this country.

He says: "Remembering the excursion of the White Squadron through all the seas, an excursion that cost millions of dollars, and was solely an extravagance of ostentation to acquaint the world of the wealth of the Yankee, I had hoped that the Executive Taft would bring to the frontier a regiment of soldiers splendidly dressed, a good battery of artillery, and a resplendent staff. But no, seniors; there was indeed a sad contrast."

Taft's Collar Withed.

"While our President went adorned in his grand uniform of a general, made in Paris at a cost of \$5,000 francs, President Taft wore a suit that did not seem to be his own, due to its looseness. His collar was withed by perspiration, and there was not the slightest impression of elegance. He went in a coach (it might have been a public hire), while our President rode in a splendid landau, and the soldiers, the Mexicans, were in gala dress with well-polished shoes and well-brushed clothes. Those of our neighbor were in leggings, yellow shoes, khaki clothes, and what is the worst of all, 'undershirt.' "How shall this American negligence be interpreted? Was it to make evident the freedom of the Yankee? Was it to contrast the simplicity of the opulent with the splendor of the poor? Or might it not have been to signify the little importance that they concede to the ceremony?"

WILL HONOR GEN. HOWARD.

Memorial Services to Be Held at University This Morning.

Memorial services in honor of Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard, U. S. A. (retired), founder and former president of Howard University, this city, will be held in Rankin Chapel this morning at 11 o'clock, the same hour at which Gen. Howard's funeral will be held in Burlington, Vt., where he resided and where his sudden death occurred Tuesday evening.

President Thirkield yesterday ordered two wreaths to be placed upon Gen. Howard's bier as a tribute from the trustees, faculty, and students of the institution founded and fostered by the distinguished general and publicist.

It has been directed that all departments of the university close at 10:45 o'clock this morning. The students and faculty will report at once to the chapel, where appropriate services will be held.

Plans are being made for the erection of a memorial gate at the entrance of the university grounds at the head of Howard avenue.

Norman E. Mack in Town.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was in Washington yesterday, on a visit to Postmaster General Hitchcock. As that official was out of town Mr. Mack departed for New York at 4 o'clock.

Coppinger Rests Easy.

The condition of Gen. John C. Coppinger, U. S. A., retired, who is ill with pneumonia at his home, 820 Eleventh street northwest, is still regarded as serious. At a late hour last night, however, he was resting easily.

Brig. Gen. Crozier Ill.

Brig. Gen. William Crozier, who is ill at his home, 2339 Massachusetts avenue northwest, with typhoid fever contracted in Massachusetts, was much improved last night.

Oil Company Returns.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 28.—The Waters-Pierce Oil Company, convicted as a branch of the Standard Oil trust, fined \$1,500,000, which it paid, and by order of the court, driven from the State of Texas a year ago, is to return. It will buy back its own property at a high price.

Gen. R. P. Hughes Dead.

The Adjutant General of the army has been advised of the death of Maj. Gen. Robert P. Hughes, United States army, retired, which occurred at Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, April 11, 1893. He entered the volunteer service at the outbreak of the civil war, and was brevetted major in the regular army March 2, 1867, for gallant services in the assault on Fort Gregg. He was appointed major general April 1, 1902, and was retired April 11, 1903. During the Spanish-American war Gen. Hughes was appointed brigadier general of volunteers.

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ARMY AND NAVY.

ARMY ORDERS.

Leave of absence for one month, to take effect upon his relief from duty as adjutant to Maj. JOHN P. WESTON, is granted Capt. HARRY F. BETHES, Ninth Infantry.

Leave of absence for three months is granted Capt. CHARLES L. FISHER, Coast Artillery Corps.

Leave of absence for two months is granted First Lieut. CHARLES L. WILLARD, Signal Corps.

Leave of absence for one month is granted Maj. ARNOLD PICKERING, First Infantry.

Capt. ADAM F. CASAD, Ordnance Department, will proceed to Fort Pickens and Fort Meade, Fla., on official business.

Col. LAWRENCE L. BRUFF, Ordnance Department, will make not to exceed four visits per month during November, December, and January to South Bethlehem, Pa., and not to exceed two visits to Reading, Pa., on official business.

Leave of absence for twenty-one days is granted First Lieut. EDWIN H. WAGNER, Twenty-ninth Infantry.

Leave of absence for fifteen days is granted Second Lieut. OLIVER A. DICKINSON, Fifth Infantry.

Capt. GLEN F. JENKS, Ordnance Department, will proceed to Fort Monroe, Va., on official business.

Maj. CHARLES C. JAMIESON, Ordnance Department, will make not to exceed three visits prior to January 1, to Syracuse, N. Y., on official business.

FRANK BAKER, Ordnance Department, will proceed to Fort Monroe, Va., on official business.

Nov. 1, to Ellington, Kan., for the purpose of inspecting substance supplies purchased at that place, and upon the completion of this duty will return to his proper station. The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

Charles FRANCIS P. JOYE, Fifth Cavalry, is transferred to the Fourth Artillery. He will proceed to Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and report to the commanding officer of that post for duty and for station until further orders. The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

NAVAL ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued: Capt. E. M. BOSTWICK, commissioned captain in the navy.

Capt. Y. S. NELSON, commissioned captain.

Capt. E. H. CAMPBELL, detached Judge Advocate General to house.

Commander C. R. Morgan, commissioned commander.

Commander A. H. ROBERTSON, commissioned commander.

Commander R. L. RUSSELL, detached inspector, Baltimore, to special duty.

Lieut. Commander L. R. DE STEIGUER, to duty as inspector, Baltimore.

Lieut. Commander W. R. SEXTON, commissioned lieutenant commander.

Commander J. P. J. RYAN, when discharged treatment Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal., to duty connection fitting out New Orleans.

Lieut. F. V. McNAIR, detached duty, Quincy, Mass., to command Boston.

Lieut. P. W. POYER, detached navy yard, Washington, to Connecticut.

Ensign J. A. MONROE, orders of October 20, to Iowa, to command.

Midshipman W. D. BRERETON, to temporary duty Indiana, connection with crew of Michigan, and on board Michigan when commissioned.

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